

## Abstract

The invention relates to a method and a device (1) for controlling an internal combustion engine upon starting, having a detection means (420) which detects operating parameters of the engine, in which a calculation means (410), taking the detected operating parameters before the start of the engine into account, specifies a starting strategy, and the calculation means (410), as a function of the specified starting strategy, defines control parameters for controlling a runup to engine operating speed, and a control means (430) monitors the runup to engine operating speed, and in the event of a runup to engine operating speed that deviates from the starting strategy, the control means (430), adapts the control parameters accordingly.

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